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I type this on a system using Windows 2000 and in the Microsoft Word processing program. I have just picked up my e-mail and shopped via the Internet using Microsoft's Internet Explorer and Outlook Express.

Why Microsoft? Because they are for my money the best products I can buy. Microsoft products save me time and money. I was not forced to use Microsoft's products. There were and are other choices. I looked at other competing brands. I chose Microsoft for value.

Microsoft is a shining example of the "American" success story. A self-made man makes brilliant products and becomes wealthy IS the American way. It is only possible under a free American system where government protects the fundamental right to private property.

The suit against Microsoft reverses that by attempting to forcibly seize Microsoft's property. This suit seeks to allow failing businesses that could not compete in the marketplace to use 'pull' bought under the guise of campaign contributions to bring down a more successful business. The antitrust laws are nothing more than means for poor competitors to seek the ruin of their betters and as such are an ever present threat to freedom. Antitrust laws are the result of corruption and bring economic ruin. There are examples of this around the world. The suit against IBM is a classic example of woeful wrong that was a tremendous waste of the taxpayers money and an enormous drain on the resources of a great company which could have been put to better use.

What would we have now if Microsoft had not had to waste hundreds of millions of dollars on this wrongful suit? Quite simply - ever more and even better products and services.

Great businesses and those who found them are the very heart and soul of the United States. They must be protected, not attacked. They should be praised not damned. They must be free to compete then we, the American consumer wins.

Sincerely,

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